



It may have come as a distinct shock to many citizens to have the chief executive of Michigan publicly condemn the office of Governor as the "crummiest job in the United States."

On the eve of entering a hospital for a serious operation, Kim Sigler said just that. His words were blunt and uncompromising. They covered many jobs and much territory. They were words of condemnation, frustration and disappointment. Sigler voiced them before the Detroit Economic Club, a group consisting of "big shots" in industry and business.

Why should a governor, after serving 11 months at the state capital, openly denounce the office to which most observers believe he will be a candidate for re-election in 1949? And what happened to bring about this almost angry attitude of mind?

As we see it, words of protest are to be expected from a man who is the creation of protest. This colorful ex-grand jury prosecutor, unsuccessful once in a bid to be State Senator, rode to the office of Governor on a popular tidal wave.

It was the voters' protest against an assumed state of graft and corruption, wrong-doing and neglect of office, inefficiency and laxness—well, stretch your own imagination at what SOME people may have thought after reading headlines about bribe-taking at Lansing—that put Sigler in the governor's chair. A similar reform movement in Detroit put Homer Ferguson in the United States Senate.

Sigler was elected on an assumption he would clean up Lansing. Hence he was committed in advance to reform of state government. Sigler likes action. He would rather fly his airplane, talk before luncheon and dinner groups of people, and espouse ideas for better government than stay at his office, saw wood, and follow through on countless details of administration. He is restless and impatient. He exhibits his displeasure by firing people. He removed Oscar Olander as commissioner of state police; he discharged William Burke as head of the state prison industries.

For reasons of "gross neglect of duty" or "corrupt conduct in office," a governor has constitutional authority to remove "any public officer, elective or appointive." There is one if: "Except at such times as the legislature may be in session."

Sigler urges a constitutional convention as the best way to reform state government. He puts much emphasis on our "antiquated tax structure," the result of a "horse-and-buggy constitution." How this tax structure should be changed he has not indicated. There is certain to be organized resistance to any constitutional convention if for only one reason: The "uniform rule of taxation" of the 1908 constitution is a legal barrier to a graduated state income tax.

Sigler would centralize power in a governor's four-year term by giving him broad authority over state highways, public schools, law enforcement, motor vehicle licensing, conservation and agriculture—to mention a few. What might happen if a "weak" governor were to be elected, one who was subservient to a party boss, is open to interesting speculation.

Pledged to clean up state government, Sigler now implies that he needs new powers. Because he lacks authority over state offices and departments, Michigan's governor is merely a "glorified clerk" and the job is the "crummiest in the United States," so goes the Sigler logic.

And there we are in mid-December, 1947. The proposed changes merit careful appraisal and thorough debate. Only by getting both sides of a case can a jury weigh the evidence and come to a verdict.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club held its Christmas Party in the Kindergarten Room at the school house and each lady was accompanied by a child.

The evening was spent in singing carols and some of the children recited their Christmas pieces.

The arrival of Santa Claus caused much excitement, and each child was given a gift from under the Christmas tree.

After opening their packages the children were invited to tables, beautifully decorated in Christmas colors, and a "cookie house," which was quite an attraction, where a delightful lunch was served.

At the conclusion of the party each of the forty-nine children was given a box of candy by Santa Claus, who wished them all a Merry Christmas and good night. Much credit is due the capable committee, Mrs. Wm. Nayntay, Mrs. Glen Day and Miss Gene Pultor, for planning such an enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be January 6, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Bauman.

Fuel Oil Shortage Here, Sigler Says

Lansing—Governor Kim Sigler, declaring that the "fuel oil shortage isn't coming—it's here," has directed his fuel oil emergency study committee to continue as the state's effort to "conduct a vigorous, continuous fuel oil conservation campaign."

State Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard, Michigan solid fuels administrator during the war, is chairman of the fuel committee. Working with him will be Stuart B. White, chairman of the state conservation department, and Attorney General Eugene F. Black.

Acting on an eleven page report submitted by Leonard and the committee, Governor Sigler took the following steps:

1. Authorized preparation of a voluntary certificate of necessity plan, providing for priority delivery in distress cases, to be applied immediately in any community where an emergency develops.

2. Authorized appointment of a county fuel administrator where emergencies develop, with power to appoint municipal fuel administrators.

3. Warned the public not to install fuel oil burners unless there is a written contract with a reputable dealer for a season's supply of oil, and urged that those who can reconvert to their former fuel do so.

4. Appealed to President Truman to make available for immediate service, either by sale, lease or loan, idle oil tankers, and requested that immediate action be taken on the proposal that attempts be made to keep the upper Mississippi and Ohio rivers open to winter navigation.

5. Offered the full resources of the state to help solve the problem and avert suffering in Michigan homes.

While the shortage is common to the territory east of the Rockies, Michigan is the worst affected state because it lacks pipeline facilities, the committee informed the Governor. Transportation costs and lack of tank cars also prevent bringing in ample supplies available in the southwest.

The committee said demand for oil is the highest in history, and estimated that more domestic fuel oil burners have been installed, proportionately, in Michigan than in any other state.

It is estimated that Michigan's demand for fuel oils this season will amount to 14,100,000 barrels, and the supply now in prospect is 12,150,000 barrels, leaving a deficit of 1,950,000 barrels.

If idle federal tankers were put into use, and the upper Mississippi and Ohio rivers kept open to winter navigation, Michigan would benefit from the additional supply, the committee reported. It said also that settlement of the Pure Oil Company refinery strike in Toledo, Ohio, would mean an additional 2,500 to 3,000 barrels of home fuel oil delivered daily by pipeline into the Detroit area market.

Pointing out disparities in retail prices, the committee, said that "this is not the result of any sort of racket, but results from high purchase and transportation costs in importing oil from the southwest. This is especially true of the smaller, independent companies which have not built up stocks close at hand."

Governor Sigler declared that "if everyone co-operates 100 per cent, and uses no more fuel oil than is absolutely necessary, we could save up to 12 per cent of the total consumption of oil, which could very nearly solve the shortage."

Game Observers Answer Questions

Three questions were asked of 34 key game observers in Alcona, Cray, Iosco, Ogemaw, Osceola and Roscommon Counties, regarding the 1947 deer hunting season, November 15 to 30. The questions were:

1. How was the buck kill this year compared with last year? Of the 34 who reported, none said it was greater; 5 thought it was the same and 29 believed it was less than last year.

2. How was the hunting pressure this year compared to last year? The answers were divided as follows: Greater 5; the same 13; less 13.

3. How were the violations this year compared to last year? The replies were: More 5; the same 12; less 17.

More hunters were asked the same questions with similar results, but the above-mentioned 34 were given forms to fill out and return. The names of these and many other key observers in this district are kept on file in the Michigan Game Division, Department of Conservation, for such contacts from time to time on various kinds of game birds and animals. The fine co-operation of these observers in answering the questionnaires sent them is greatly appreciated by the Michigan Game Division in Lansing.

These reports also on deer and small game hunters and trappers, and on the conservation of the Department in its game management program and problems.

Ford Kellum, District Game Manager, Department of Conservation,

Added Compensation Given A. & P. Employees

Additional compensation totaling more than \$1,800,000 has been distributed to employees of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company before Christmas, it was announced today by John A. Hartford, president.

All A. & P. employees throughout the country, with six months or more service with the company, participate in the cash distribution. The company's employees were voted \$1,750,000 compensation last year.

Get Set For Trout Season

Eggs for next season's trout production are now arriving in Co-servation Department hatcheries, and the goal again next year, as in recent seasons, is the planting of one million legal size (seven-inch or larger) fish.

Production of one million legal size brook, brown and rainbow trout requires use of full capacity of the state's present hatchery and rearing station system, and while in some seasons the plantings have come to within 25,000 to 50,000 of the mark, the full million goal has yet to be reached.

Brown trout egg production is concentrated at the Paris hatchery, where hatcherymen have just finished taking 1,625,000 green eggs that should yield between a million and a quarter and a million and a half eyed eggs. Once in the eyed stage, most will be shipped to other stations for hatching and rearing.

Rainbow trout eggs are now being taken at Harrietta hatchery. About 200,000 have been taken to date, and the taking of rainbow eggs will continue past the first of the year.

Brook trout eggs are being purchased, as usual, from eastern commercial hatcheries. Of the 2,000,000 ordered, 1,250,000 already have been shipped.

Eight state hatcheries—Watersmeet, Marquette, Thompson, Oden, Grayling, Harrietta, Paris and Wolf Lake—handle trout in the early stages of development. Later the other hatcheries and the rearing stations help bring the fish to the proper size for stocking in trout streams and trout lakes.

Wells-Mathews Vows Spoken

Joye Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells became the bride of LeRoy Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neal Mathews on Saturday, December 6, at six o'clock in the evening at St. Mary's Rectory. Fr. Francis Branigan officiated at the single ring ceremony, before members of the immediate families.

The bride's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells attended the couple.

The bride chose a gold girdle and suit and brown accessories for her wedding and wore a corsage fashioned of a large yellow mum and russet button hole mums.

Mrs. Wells was attired in a brown suit and accessories and wore a corsage of yellow button hole mums.

Both young people were brought up in Grayling and attended school here. Mr. Mathews recently received his discharge from the Navy after three years and eight months service.

A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward at the Ward residence following the ceremony. Immediate family and friends were present.

The couple enjoyed a weeks honeymoon trip in southern Michigan and are now at home to their many friends at 414 Fulton Street.

EMTA Winter Sports Council To Consider Snow Movie

Council's Budget Nears Top As Checks Come In

The EMTA Winter Sports Council at its meeting held at the Shoppens Inn here last Friday afternoon heard an announcement by Frank Davis, the group's secretary as well as secretary-manager of EMTA, that a 16 mm. full color and sound movie might answer part of the promotion and advertising need for winter sports in northeastern and central Michigan.

The movie making program will be studied by the council's advertising committee headed by Burrows Morley of Saginaw, the over eighty council members in attendance at the meeting were told.

Chairman Morley announced a \$3,100 allotment for newspaper advertising to promote the winter sports areas and another sum of \$675 for prize money in the winter sports display window contest.

A report by Wynne Stuehn, of West Branch, that a final check up of hotels, cabins and room accommodations will be conducted soon to establish an information list suitable for all inquiries.

Frank Davis, secretary-manager of the East Michigan Tourist Association, said that the snow weather and snow report system used last season, will again be available, with all reports being

Kalkaska Quintets Split With Locals

The Kalkaska Athletic Club Basketball squads left Grayling last Wednesday night with a mark of a win and a loss. The Keggers were the victims of the first squad, while the Grayling Legion took the measure of the Kalkaska reserves.

The Keggers emerged from the fray at the short end of a 58 to 44 count. The local squad was somewhat handicapped by the loss of Herb McDonnell and Ed Carlson. Carlson's shooting eye would have helped even up the score as would have McDonnell's height and defensive ability.

Hansen, Kalkaska pivot man led the Kaskians with 20 points, garnered from a left-handed hook shot that the Keggers just couldn't seem to stop. Thompson, Smith and Harwood led the Keggers' scoring parade.

The Legion managed to punch a victory over the Kasky reserves by a fairly large margin and then traveled to Frederic last Friday night and handily defeated a Frederic team.

No independent basketball games are scheduled at Grayling until January 7, according to Myrton Burrows, Keggers manager, who said that both of Grayling's independent cage squads may play some road games during the holiday season however.

American Legion Kiddles Party

Children of Crawford County don't forget the Christmas party at the American Legion Hall on the afternoon of December 22. All children in Crawford County, three and four years old and through and including the fifth grade are invited to be guests of the American Legion. The time your age group is to attend the party will be found in another space in this paper.

The party will be in charge of the American Legion assisted by the Legion Auxiliary. The singing and Christmas tree will be in charge of Mrs. J. F. Cook and Mrs. Ray Clement, assisted by Mrs. June Gross.

Former Residents Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Oaks, former residents of Grayling, now living in Flint, marked the 50th wedding anniversary of their marriage in Grayling in 1898 with an open house at their home last Sunday.

They have a daughter, Mrs. Ruby West of Clio, two sons, Harry Oaks of Detroit, and Ralph of Clio. There are also eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bertha Wilcox and Hugh Oaks were married at Grayling, Dec. 14, 1898. Both are natives of Grayling. The couple moved to Flint 35 years ago. He is 77 years of age. Mrs. Oaks is 75.

Children of the couple were in charge of the arrangements of the open house, at which there were guests present from Grayling, Milford, Detroit as well as Flint and vicinity.

Saginaw V. A. Man Here Tomorrow

A contact representative from the Veterans Administration Office at Saginaw will be in Grayling tomorrow afternoon from 1 until 2:30 P. M., to assist veterans in any way in which he is able. He will be in the County Clerk's Office at the Crawford County Court House.

Also released is the January and February schedule for the contact representative who will be in the County Clerk's office at the same hours on January 9 and 23 and also on February 6 and 20th.

Newly Remodeled Bar Reopens

The recently remodeled and redecorated bar at Duke's Hotel will reopen for business today after having been closed since December 5.

The remodeling job includes a new floor, ceiling, walls, heating plant and bar with a refrigerated back bar. A space 10 by 18 feet has been added to the bar room also by the moving of partitions.

A Terre Haute, Indiana interior decorating firm completed the work for Walter Dudewicz, hotel owner and manager.

Christmas Week Program Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve services in Danish, 5 P. M.

Christmas Day services 11 A. M.

Christmas tree for Sunday School, congregation and friends, Friday, December 26th, 7 P. M. at Danebod Hall.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Xmas program Tuesday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock at the church. All are invited.

Wave Faces Boyne Tonight; Lose To Mancy By 2 Points

Ironmen Bag Game In Final Minute

The Grayling-Green Wave will take the floor tonight, in a contest moved up a day because of the holiday vacations, against Boyne City, who in their last start knocked off East Jordan by a 48 to 32 final score and have at yet to lose their first game this season. Grayling trailing in the conference standings after losses to Charlevoix, Gaylord and Mancelona in their last appearance last Friday, will try to get in a winning stride against opponents in the Northern "C" league. The Wave's only victory so far this season was against the bouncing Bucks of Roscommon, traditional but not conference foe.

Grayling took an early lead against the Ironmen here last Friday night and held it until the final

Observe Silver Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders were co-hosts and hostesses at an open house Saturday evening from 6 until 9 at the Ernest Borchers home, held to celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers. Seventy-five guests were present.

Mrs. William Christenson of Mackinaw City presided at the table which was spread with a white linen Italian cutwork cloth. A four-tiered wedding cake, encircled with plumes and white baby mums topped also with baby mums centered the table. This was guarded by silver tapers in crystal holders. Bouquets of baby mums were placed about the house. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer were the Borchers' attendants at their wedding were present. Mrs. Borchers wore a corsage of white mums tied with silver ribbon and Mrs. Niederer one of large daisy mums tied with green ribbon.

During the evening Miss Barbara Ann Borchers, who was home from Mt. Pleasant for the celebration, sang "The Anniversary Song."

Mr. and Mrs. Borchers were presented with a chest of silver as well as other gifts, and many happy wishes.

Those from out-of-town present were Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Betts of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan and son, Michael, of Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christenson of Mackinaw City and Miss Barbara Ann Borchers from Mt. Pleasant.

Celebrate 30th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley were pleasantly surprised when friends came in to help them celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Hostesses for the occasion were their daughters, Lois, and Mrs. Yvonne Westerholm.

Miss Helen Isenbauer presided at the table which was beautifully decorated with red and white tapers and a bouquet of American Beauty roses. A tasty lunch was served which also included a 3 tiered anniversary cake. The honored couple were the recipients of many lovely gifts.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Granger of Kalkaska.

Sport Park To Open Dec. 27

Preliminary Run This Week End

Snow Playground Ready To Go

The Grayling Winter Sports Park, 600 acres of snow and ice for skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating and just rolling in that "white stuff," will have its grand opening under the direction of Grayling people for the first time since the season of 1941-42 on December 27, a week from Saturday. The park will be open and in operation this coming week end, weather permitting, in a preliminary run, a sort of dress rehearsal, to see if everything is going along as planned.

A fair sized group from Detroit

and other downstate towns were at the park last week end taking advantage of the ski slopes, although no ski tows were as yet under power. At the present time, the park crew under Manager Holger Peterson have two toboggan runs ready to go and another two will be ready for whiz riding by Saturday. Two ski tows are now in operation and the skating rink is ready to go with the ice in very good condition.

One of the main attractions of the opening week end at the big snow and ice playground here will be the enthroning of Grayling's Winter Sports Queen who will act as the park's official hostess.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert has been named chairman of the queen committee. During the season Grayling's queen will be official hostess to the queens from various Michigan cities who visit the park and compete for the honor of Michigan Winter Sports queen at the annual carnival set for February 13, 14 and 15.

Invited to compete for queen honors are representatives from Bay City, Saginaw, Pontiac, Flint, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Detroit, East Lansing, Cadillac, Cheboygan, Traverse City, West Branch, Houghton Lake, Silver Valley, Harrison and Alpena.

Throughout the season week ends will be dedicated to the various cities throughout the state which send delegates along with Snow Queens.

Work is also being hurried to ready the Skyline Ski club for the season. Ralph Morse club owner and director, said five tows will be in operation this year, capable of handling some 600 people.

Two trains will be run into Grayling sometime in January, Harold Cliff, Grayling Winter Sports Park, Inc., president, said and added that another has been scheduled from Monroe. Many other snow trains are expected this year but have not as yet been scheduled, he said.

The whipping of the park into shape in a few short days was amazingly fast work and the spokesmen of the incorporation were lavish in their praise of the Parks Division of the Conservation Department who aided them greatly in the task of getting the park in operating order.

They also asked that every family in Grayling save their Christmas tree for pickup at a later date. The trees will be used for decoration around the ice throne and at other places in the park.

Sportsmen's Club members were also urged to turn in the names and addresses of all new members that have been signed up, in order that they may be placed on the mailing list.

The committee who are operating the park are tentatively planning a dance for the opening week end, details of which will be published in next week's paper.

A real winter sports season is being looked forward to by the committee who have everything set for the folks to enjoy the finest out-of-doors holiday ever. Whatever a winter sports fan's taste in snow recreation, it can be satisfied at our park, seemed to be the consensus of opinion at the committee's last meeting. They point with pride to the 3,100 foot long toboggan runs, the graduated ski slopes that will handle skis from novices to the experts as well as the large, fully illuminated skating rink.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NEWS

We have committees in various business places in Grayling for a Christmas drive fund. We appreciate any small donations you may be able to give.

Thank you, Disabled American Veterans, Hartwick Pines Chapter No. 97

NOTICE

In as much as Xmas falls on Thursday, the Avalanche will be printed early, so all news and advertising copy should be in not later than Monday.

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

City Council meeting at City Hall on first Monday of every month, 7:30 P. M. Citizens invited.

American Legion Auxiliary 8:00 P. M. Legion Hall. 2nd Tuesday, business; 4th Tuesday, social.

Dec. 18—Thursday, 8 P. M., D. A. V. meeting, Legion Hall.

December 18—Our Gang Christmas party at Mrs. Archie Kennedys home. Gifts to be exchanged. Evening meeting.

December 20 — L. N. L. Social Party at the Grange Hall in evening. Gifts to be exchanged.

Jan. 6 — Hospital Aid, Nurse's Home, Mrs. Robert Hayca and Mrs. Alfred Soranson, as hostesses.

Jan. 7—Band committee meeting.

Jan. 21—P. T. A. executive meeting.

Jan. 23—P. T. A. general meeting.



WANT ADS

TELEPHONE 3111

RATES—Advertisements in this department cost 35 cents for 25 words or less for each insertion. For more than 25 words one cent a word for each insertion. Rates for display advertising in the classified columns on application. Orders by mail should be accompanied by cash or postage stamps. An extra charge of 10c will be made for blind ads and if it is necessary to bill for an advertisement that has been charged.

The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at 5:30 P. M. on Tuesday.

WRITE or call Clinton Typewriter Service for "Rebuilding - Repairing - Cleaning" Typewriters - Adding Machines - Calculators - Comptometers - Mimeographs - Cash Registers. Phone 879. 315 Vine Street, Traverse City. 4-3-11

WANTED—Good used cars. Pay top dollar. Burgess Motor Sales—next to Hayes Oil Co., on US-27. 6-26-47

HANDSAW FILING—Any kind, also knives, axes, draw knives, planes, shears, chisels or anything you have to sharpen. Ed Bowen, 704 Ionia. Phone 4341. 7-24-47

FOR SALE—Cinder blocks. Immediate delivery. Build with these light weight, fireproof, insulated units. Paints beautifully. Real economical construction. Permanent beauty. Also cement blocks. Rogers City Cement Products, Rogers City. Phone 63. Sept. 18-61

WANTED—House wiring work. For estimates call Kalkaska 4848 or write Paul Dunlap, Kalkaska. Oct. 2-47

FREE—Pair of deerskin gloves made in trade for every deerskin shipped us. Wm. Gallagher Co., Taxidermists, Dept. "B" Feinton, Mich. 4-11-18

FOR SALE—Four large lots. Opposite ball park. See Glen Day. Phone 2561. Oct. 30-47

SADDLE HORSES, work horses and ponies for sale or exchange, also feeder cattle and dairy cows. South Branch Ranch, Roscommon. Jess H. Underwood, Mgr. 11-27-47

FOR SALE—250 pound capacity deep freeze, slightly used. J. Richards, first house west of Down River Gas Station on M-72. 4-11-18-23

WANTED—Bulldozer work. Jack Millikin. Phone 3771. Aug. 14-47

FOR SALE—Laying hens, \$1 each. 19 1/2 miles north of Grayling, on US-27. Also Kalamazoo cook range, burns coal or wood. Mrs. H. Farlinger, Gaylord, Mich. 4-11-18

CHICKENS FOR SALE—Order now for Christmas. 4 1/2 to 5 pounds. F. J. Leng, 507 Ottawa St. Phone 3201 or 3071. 11-18

WOOD FOR SALE—Hardwood and pine, cut any length. Drop a card to Al Brown, Beaver Creek, Rural Route, Grayling. 11-18

FOR SALE—Apples, Northern Spys. \$2 bushel. John Londak. Lake City, Mich. 11-18-25

FOR SALE—Oil heater, 5 room capacity, with automatic blower. Clayton Williams, Evergreen Park, Higgins Lake, Roscommon, Mich. 18

FOR SALE—36 Chevrolet tudor. Wm. Sheele, 306 Spruce St., City. 18

WANTED—Young lady office helper. Must know rudiments of bookkeeping and be good typist. Write Friedrich's Shoe Store, Traverse City, Michigan, giving age, previous experience and starting salary expected in first letter. 18

FOR SALE—Six room oil heater. Reasonable. Standard Oil Station, 8 miles South Grayling. 18

FOR SALE—Floor model radio, also girl's riding boots, size 7 1/2, narrow width. Rasmussen Tourist Home, Phone 3981. 18

PROTECT your new chair from moths for only \$1.25 for 5 years guaranteed protection. One spraying of Berlou stops moth damage or Berlou pays for the damage. Mac's Drug Store. 18

MAN for Rawleigh business which just became available in adjoining county. Good opportunity for willing workers. Apply Rawleigh's, Dept. MCL 280-140, Freeport, Ill. 18

EMPLOYMENT WANTED—Any kind. Fred Ingalls, 905 Vine St., City. 18

FOR SALE—Skis with harness, poles and mittens. Price \$20. E. Bidvia, 305 Fulton Ave. 18

LET ME FIX IT—General repairs. Work on most any household item. Bill Nawatny. Bill's Shoe Repair. Phone 3541. 18

FOR SALE—New 4-room and bath home with garage attached. Rustic siding, modern and insulated. On old M-93, one mile from Grayling. Call Northern Specialties Co. Phone 2972 or 4183. 12/18-47

XMAS PRESENTS—Purebred Cocker Spaniel puppies for sale. Red or buff. Born November 5. 604 Maple St., or phone 2351. 18-25

LOG SIDING—Cedar, tongued and grooved, surfaced four sides. New style construction eliminates studding and leaves inside wall finished in knotty cedar. Positively the quickest and cheapest way to build. Limited quantity. Order early. Also prices on complete materials. Submit plan. John D. Steel, Box 256, Cedarville, Mich. 18-25

Frederic News

Mrs. Elvira Smock was a Traverse City caller last Saturday. Mrs. C. H. Battles, Mrs. Maude Shorts, Mrs. A. D. Leng, Mrs. Mabel Lewis and Mrs. Roy Newberry were in Traverse City Thursday.

Mrs. Roy Newberry was in West Branch Friday. Mrs. Floyd Baldwin has returned to her home after convalescing at her daughter's, Mrs. Wilson Cox.

Harry Higgins has been on the sick list with la grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madill, Mrs. E. Smock attended the Bear Steak supper at St. Mary's last Wednesday night.

Mrs. John Parsons of Rogers City visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Murphy, last week. She was a former resident here.

A correction of last week is, it was Miss Patricia Dunkley who was married to Kenneth Biend-schattel instead of Mildred. Sorry. The Frank Payne Meat Market and Grocery Store is not going out of business here as was reported. Mrs. Dick McGill is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Shorts of Petoskey visited his mother, Mrs. M. Shorts.

Eighteen little friends went over on December 13, to help Carol Lodge celebrate her tenth birthday from 2 to 5. Games were the order of the afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. George Lodge, and her grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Barber, served sandwiches, fruit jello and cake to the little folks. She received some very nice gifts, and on leaving, all wished her many more happy birthdays.

Grayling Bowling League

| Team | W. | L. | Pts. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| AuSable Inn | 32 | 12 | 32 |
| Green Tavern | 31 | 13 | 31 |
| Bill's Shoes | 30 | 14 | 30 |
| Grayling Restaurant | 29 | 15 | 29 |
| Hanson's | 28 | 16 | 28 |
| Tufts Texaco | 23 | 21 | 23 |
| Bear Archery | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Ron's Hardware | 21 | 23 | 21 |
| Little George | 20 | 24 | 20 |
| AuSable Cowboys | 20 | 24 | 20 |
| Wade's Cabins | 19 | 25 | 19 |
| AuSable Hotel | 18 | 26 | 18 |
| Plaza Grill | 18 | 26 | 18 |
| Altes Lager | 15 | 25 | 15 |
| Bert's Mobilgas | 11 | 33 | 11 |
| Clough Realty | 11 | 33 | 11 |

The two high single games of the week were a 203 by Whitey Robertson and a 200 by Glen Day, both of the Hanson-Chevrolet squad. High three game series was rolled by Doc Martzowka of Green's Tavern who racked up a 569. He was closely followed by Roy Milnes of Hanson's with 563.

Al Cherven still leads the average race with slightly over 177. Martzowka is second with 175. Rasmussen third with 169. Sterling is in fourth slot with 168, followed by Bertl in fifth with 165 and Nass in sixth with 163. Cook, Milnes and Smith hold seventh, eighth and ninth place respectively, all with 161 pins and a fraction which separates them into their various positions. Collins holds tenth place with 160.

No league bowling is planned for the nights of December 29 and 30.

| Team | W. | L. |
|--------------|----|----|
| 1 Sorenson's | 31 | 9 |
| 2 Dawson's | 29 | 11 |
| 3 Dorett's | 27 | 13 |

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| 4 Coffee Shop | 27 | 13 |
| 5 Bill's Shoes | 25 | 15 |
| 6 Hanson's | 22 | 18 |
| 7 Olson's | 22 | 18 |
| 8 Long's Market | 15 | 25 |
| 9 Legion | 14 | 26 |
| 10 Bolton's | 12 | 28 |
| 11 Tip Top Togs | 11 | 29 |
| 12 AuSable Hotel | 9 | 31 |

WHO WROTE "NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"?

You'll find an absorbing behind-the-scenes report about the most famous of all Yule poems, in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (December 21) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Also for your holiday-time attention will be Christmas decoration ideas and suggested receipts for Christmas dinner. Get Sunday's Detroit Times.

NOTICE

Due to increases in our operating cost we are forced to increase the wholesale and retail prices of milk one cent per quart. This increase will take effect January 1, 1948. Cream prices will remain the same.

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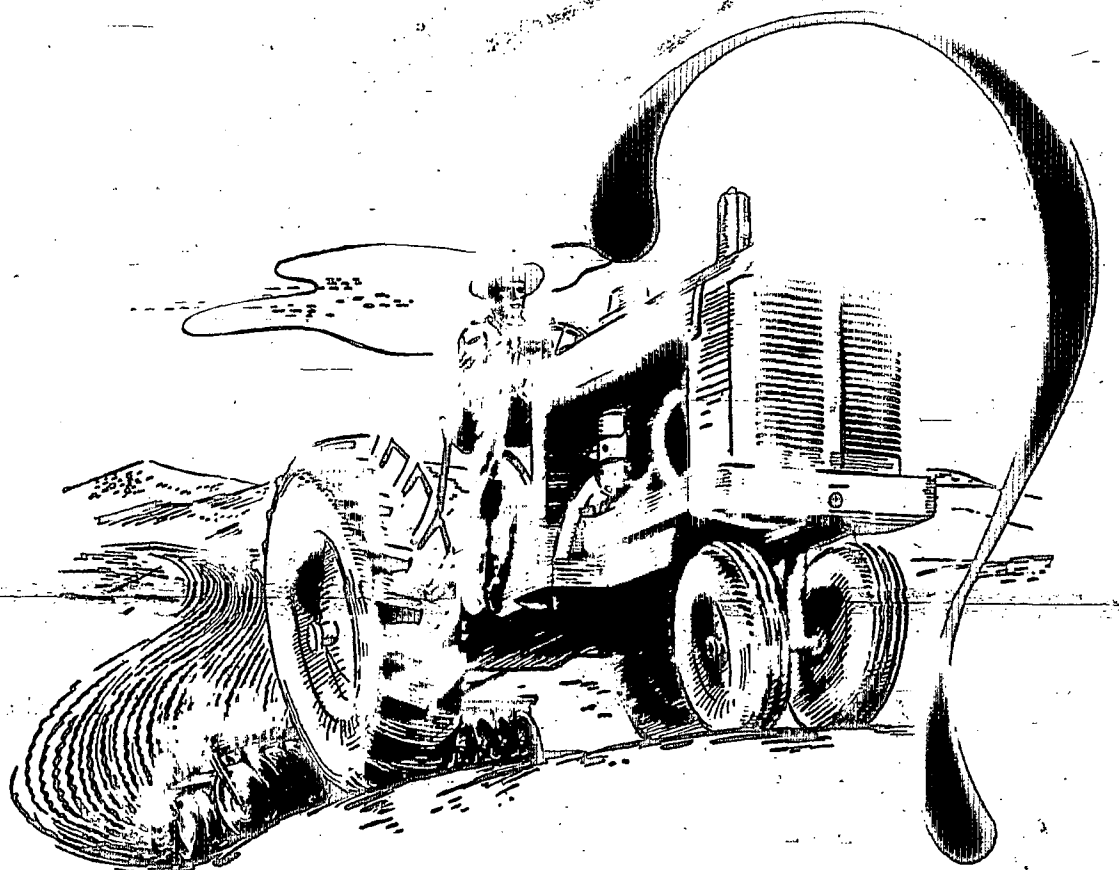
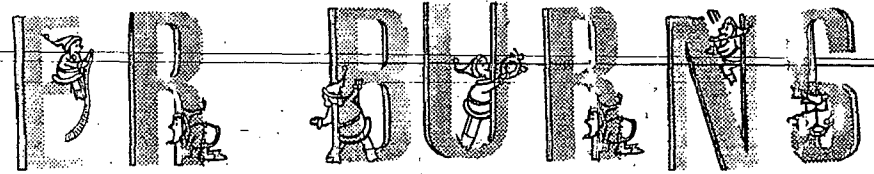
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Grayling, Michigan, Thursday, December 18, 1947

Gamblers Generally Lose

Do you want to die in one of the most horrible manners possible? It's an easy trick. Just take chances with fire and, sooner or later, your number will come up.

More than 10,000 Americans roast that way each year. Thousands more are disfigured for life. Fire is an extremely efficient killer and maimer.

The ways to take chances are legion. Smoking in bed is one of the best. So is doing home cleaning with inflammable liquids. So is starting fires with kerosene and gasoline. So is carelessness with illuminating gas.

In addition, all the usual home hazards are responsible for their share of deaths. Faulty electrical wiring and equipment; closets, attics and basements full of paper and other junk; over loaded and improperly maintained heating stoves and furnaces—these are all dependable killers, and in addition they are responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of dollars worth of property each year.

Fire is rolling merrily along in the United States now. The total loss is at an all-time high and it is increasing. There seems to be no end to our carelessness and indifference. This may keep the fire departments on their toes—but, unfortunately, there's a limit to what the best of them can do.

Take a chance with fire—maybe you'll be lucky. And maybe not!

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Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 18 1924

Register of Deeds Andrew Hart is rewriting all the county abstracts in two new volumes. Some of the records date back to 1859 and are becoming indistinct and illegible.

The 78 pupils of Mrs. Andrew Brown's Sunday School class enjoyed a party at Danebod Hall, Saturday afternoon.

Fire wiped out the farm home of Theodore Leslie in Beaver Creek Township Monday evening.

The Pythians elected B. E. Smith, C. C.; Roy Milnes, W. C.; Clarence Brown, Prelate; Lorane Sparkes, K. of R. and S.; Herluf Sorenson, M. of F., O. P. Schumann, M. of E.; Lyle Milks, M. of W.; P. G. Zalsman, M. of A.; Carl Dorah, I. G.; Byron Newell, O. G.

At a regular meeting of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus, Alfred Hughes who has been in charge of the secretarial work for the past two years, was presented with a beautiful gold ring bearing the K of C emblem, from the Council for his faithfulness.

The American Legion Basketball team made up of Reynolds, Chamberlain, Johnson, Milnes and Hanson, defeated the Bay City "Y" 18 to 10. Substitutes were Brown, McPhee, Landsberg and Smith.

Mrs. Frank Karnes and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward King, in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben DeLaMater and daughter, Muriel are spending the week in Detroit.

Mrs. Mary Ewalt will leave Saturday for Lapeer to remain over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cripps are happy over the arrival of a Christmas gift—an 8 pound daughter, born Monday, December 15th. Lois Mae is her name.

Mrs. Mary Goudrow and Mrs. Josephine Conklin and sons, John and Bernard left Wednesday to spend the holidays as guests of the

Jacob Collins family at Lindent stopping in Detroit a few days en route.

Dr. Don M. Howell announces that he has opened offices in the David Whitney building in Detroit. Dr. Howell, a former physician of Grayling, recently returned from Europe, where he had been to pursue studies of his profession.

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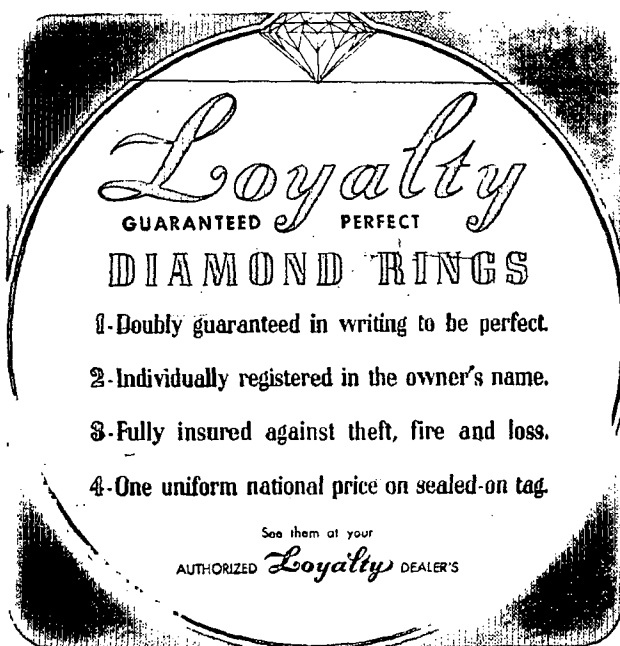
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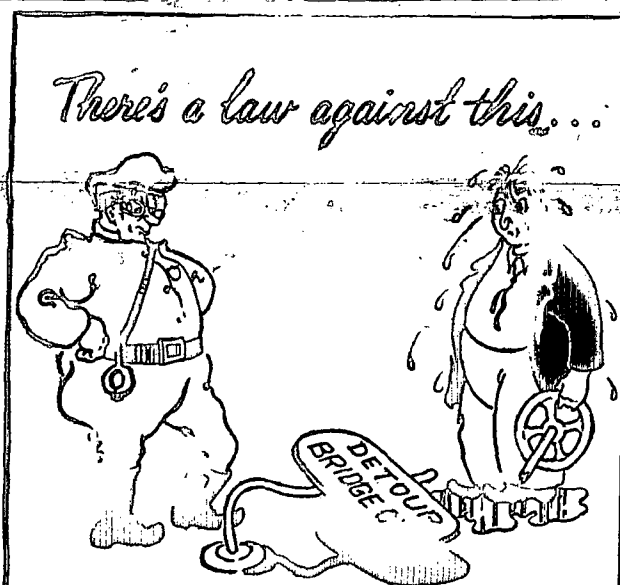
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Take It Easy For Happy Holidays

Use a little care to keep your Christmas cheery. Don't let sickness, accident or death take your holiday, the Michigan Department of Health counseled today and issued a reminder on some pre-holiday and holiday hazards.

More than one-tenth of Michigan's 1946 accidental deaths occurred during December. Accidents in the home took the lives of 129 persons, 73 from falls (almost all of these were in the mature parent or grandparent age bracket) and 28 from fires, burns and explosion.

You fall when you are climbing, when you tumble down stairs, when you stumble over something, or when you slip on something left in your path. Use a sturdy stepladder when you are decorating your Christmas tree. Move it around the tree. Don't carry huge armfuls of bundles down the stairs. Move those skating rugs from above and below the staircase, preferably forever, but at least for the holiday season. Don't leave toys or packages on the stairs. You can break your neck on a piece of wrapping paper or tinsel, and small toys like marbles can cause big falls. Remind all members of the family of furniture moves made to accommodate the Christmas tree and holiday guests. Be sure that outdoor steps are sanded.

Don't Leave Tree Lights On.

Guard against overheated furnaces and stoves and put out all other fires, candles and lights, including Christmas tree lights, when leaving your house, even for a few minutes, or when going to bed. Remember, Santa can find his way to totally dark house, but he might miss a charred one. Place the Christmas tree so that it will not fall and so that it is far from the fireplace or candles. Do not leave stockings hanging by a lighted fireplace nor candles burning near curtains. Check your tree lighting circuit for shorts and be sure that tinsel or metal icicles do not touch it. Put discarded wrapping paper into metal containers and dispose of it at once. It is highly inflammable. Put lights and breakable decorations out of reach of the tiny child.

Shop Until Tired.

Eleven persons died from falls in public places and at least 49 pedestrians were killed by automobiles last December. Don't load yourself to the eyebrows with Christmas parcels and dodge through automobile traffic, walk down store steps, or walk on icy streets. Don't chase a holiday bargain across the middle of a block. Cross only at intersections and then with the light. It is best to plan a special brief shopping expedition with the children. Quit shopping when you're tired or irritated. It is the weary, preoccupied person or the one who just had two cocktails to freshen up to whom an accident occurs.

Give Up Your Right of Way.

More than 160 persons died as the result of automobile traffic accidents last December. When you are driving in shopping or holiday traffic, let your Christmas spirit be big enough to give the other fellow (pedestrian or driver) your right of way. Be sure your car is in good condition with brakes equalized and all lights working. Drive slowly and allow plenty of room to stop on slippery pavements. Slow down well in advance of curves and intersections. Be especially careful in the evening. The biggest handicaps to winter driving are poor traction and poor visibility. Be prepared for adequate defrosting of your windows and windshield. Use chains on snow and ice. Do not drive when you have been drinking and do not ride with a driver who has been drinking.

Best Way to Catch Cold.

Probably the best known way to catch a cold is to rush in and out of overheated crowded stores and sash through cold wet streets. Do not overdo, keep your patience in check and don't get over-excited. Your feet will probably never literally kill you, but you can get much more shopping done more quickly if you wear sensible shoes and boots. From health's standpoint it is better to make several small shopping trips rather than to try to buy every present from grandmother's to small nephew's the same day.

And then the toys. Don't buy babies toys they can swallow either wholly or in parts. Be sure the toy's paint is non-poisonous. Don't buy toys which use flames or sparks. Buy a toy chest to go with the toys. Teach your child how to use his new gun, sword, bow and

arrows, electric train, tricycle, wagon, bicycle, skis and skates, and teach him the dangers as well as the pleasures of each.

Just a little more caution can leave a lot more happiness in your holiday, the Department of Health advised.

To Hold Meeting On Gloves Tourney

A meeting will be held in the Legion Hall basement at 7 P. M., December 23, for all persons interested in regards to the Golden Gloves Tournament scheduled for January 27, 28 and 30 at Boyne City.

All contestants in the boxing matches must be at least 16 years of age and not over 26 years old. For further information contact County Clerk Leo Lovely or John Selesky. Entry blanks are available at the Legion Hall.

Clerk Interprets License Procedure

County Clerk Leo Lovely today explained the marriage license law and issued a short statement on the steps involved in the issuance of such a license from his office.

"Due to many misunderstandings and ignorance of the marriage license law, I thought a resume of the law and its requirements may aid many couples in making their wedding plans," Clerk Lovely said.

Following are the four major steps to be taken in the issuance of any marriage license from the office of the County Clerk:

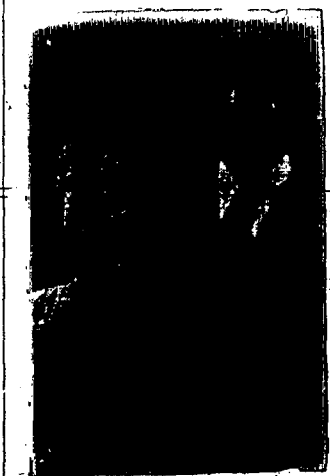
1. All persons making application for license to marry shall at any time within 30 days prior to such application have a blood test.
2. Persons applying for a marriage license must present to the county clerk their blood test before making application to marry.
3. Then they must wait five days before they can get their license starting from the day they applied for it.
4. They must use the license within 30 days from date of license or otherwise it becomes invalid.

1848 Yule Buying Very Difficult

The Christmas shopper of a century ago who made out her shopping list from the newspaper advertisements would have had a difficult time.

The newspaper ads of 1847 made rather dull going for the reader, concentrating as they did on groceries, hardware and clothing essentials. Many of the advertisements used in weekly newspapers ran for several months without change.

Files of the Ann Arbor "True Democrat" for December, 1947, contained in the University of Michigan General Library, offer

REVIVAL

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Forrester (pictured above) evangelist and song director will be at the Grayling Free Methodist Church December 28 to January 18, each evening except Saturday at 7:30 P. M. He is from the Colorado Conference.

There will be inspirational singing and a good gospel message. Rev. Bertha Davis, pastor, offers you a friendly welcome and urges you to attend and bring others with you.

KIDDIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday Afternoon, December 22

American Legion Hall, Grayling

1:00 P. M.

Three and Four year olds and Kindergarten Pupils from City of Grayling

2:15 P. M.

First, Second and Third Grade Pupils from City of Grayling

3:30 P. M.

All three and four year olds, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Pupils from Crawford County outside City of Grayling.

4:30 P. M.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Pupils from the City of Grayling.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 103
Grayling, Michigan

as their best advice to the Christmas shopper jewelry and musical instruments "direct from New York." Presumably the clocks and watches, rings and necklaces, accordions and violins listed in this advertisement arrived via canal, lake steamer and railroad.

Other advertisers of the period pointed to their stocks of "large family Bibles," "hats and caps, Yankee notions, looking glasses," and "new goods for the Winter trade."

But if it were prices on items needed for Christmas dinner that caused concern, the 1947 food buyer can look with envy at the 1847 price list. According to the Ann Arbor market report, corrected weekly by the True Democrat editor, potatoes were selling for 38 cents a bushel, and wheat for 85 cents a bushel. Butter went for more than 16 cents per pound, and eggs sold for 12 cents a dozen. Beef by the hundredweight could be had for from \$1.20 to \$3.00.

Along with the advertisements of possible Christmas items was the inevitable call for military recruits. The Mexican War was then in progress, and the Marines were advertising "Who'll Go to the Halls of Montezumas?"

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Divine Worship: 11:00 A. M.

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7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every-body's Bible Class.

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7:30 P. M.—Evening Services.
7:30 P. M., Wednesday—Prayer Meeting.
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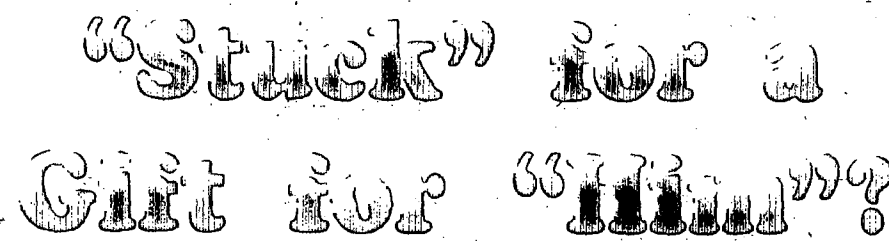
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LEGAL NOTICES
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Order of the Conservation Com-
mission Regulating Fishing in
Designated Trout Lakes
The Director of Conservation,
having made a thorough investigation
of fishing conditions in trout
lakes, recommends certain regula-
tions.

THEREFORE, the Conservation
Commission by authority of Act
230, P. A., 1925, hereby orders that
for a period of five years from
January 1, 1948, it shall be un-
lawful for any person to take or at-
tempt to take more than a total
of 10 trout in any one day from the
waters of any designated trout
lake, but in any case not more
than 10 pounds and 1 fish.

Signed, sealed, and ordered pub-
lished this sixth day of October,
1947.
Donald B. McLouth,
Chairman.
Wayland Osgood,
Secretary.

Countersigned:
P. J. Hoffmaster,
Director of Conservation. 4-11-18

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38,000 sand or cement brick.
Bid on the above will be ac-
cepted at the City Office, Grayling,
Michigan, until 8 P. M., Eastern
Standard Time, January 5, 1948.
All bids should bear the words
"Bids on Vitrified Pipe" on the
envelope.
The right is reserved to reject
any or all bids.

Max Davenport,
City Clerk. 11-18

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Probate Court for the
County of Crawford
In the Matter of the Estate of
Margrethe Hanson, deceased.
At a session of said Court, held
at the Probate Office in the City
of Grayling, State of Michigan, this
5th day of December, A. D., 1947.
Present: Hon. Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.
Esbern Hanson and Second Na-
tional Bank and Trust Company of
Saginaw, Executors of said estate,
having filed their first annual ac-
count as such executors and their
petition praying that the same be
allowed in the respects set forth in
said petition;

It is Ordered, that Monday, the
5th day of January, A. D., 1948, at
10 o'clock in the forenoon of said
day, at said Probate Office, is
hereby appointed for the examina-
tion and allowance of said account
and hearing said petition; and
It is Further Ordered, that a
copy of this order be published
once in each week for three suc-
cessive weeks previous to said day
of hearing in the Crawford A-
valanche, a newspaper printed and
circulated in said county of Craw-
ford.

Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate. 11-18-25-1
A true copy.
Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.

SHORT STORY
A Perfect Alibi
By
ANN HARRIS

"But, sergeant," Gilson insisted,
"last night at midnight I was
home in bed. Ho—" pointing to a
pompous individual sitting near,
"ho didn't see me at that hour. Ho
couldn't, unless he was up in my
room."

The other sneered. "Yeah," he
said, "you were home in bed. Your
ghost, I suppose, was walking about
at midnight."

The sergeant raised his hand for
silence. He had known Frank Gil-
son, whom he was questioning
with regard to a burglary of the
night before, as a quiet family
man, employed as a mill account-
ant for a number of years, and al-
ways honest and trustworthy. He
was loath to believe that Gilson had
now turned to burglary, breaking
into a hardware store, cracking the
safe and robbing it of \$2,000.

The mills, however, had been closed
for nearly six months, and Gilson
may have been driven to theft through
need. He had a family to provide for.

Although Howard Crossley, the
pompous one who claimed to have
seen Gilson fleeing from the vicinity
of the store at midnight, was a new-
comer to the town, yet he was re-
spected by all who knew him.
The sergeant knitted his brows. It
was a case of mistaken identity he
felt sure.

"Maybe," Gilson spoke up. "May-
be he robbed the safe himself."
"What!" Crossley shouted. "How
dare you intimate that I would do
such a thing?"
"Why did you say that?" the ser-
geant asked Gilson.

"Well," Gilson replied slowly,
"one day last week I saw him ex-
amining the back windows of the
store. He noticed, too, that I was
watching him. That is why he is
now accusing me. It was through
the back windows you say the bur-
glars got in."

Crossley sprang to his feet. "You
lie," he cried hoarsely, "you never
saw me near the windows."

THE sergeant told him to be
quiet. Crossley apologized.
"Now the man you saw near the
store," the sergeant asked Crossley,
"you are sure was Gilson? Perhaps
you made a mistake."

"I made no mistakes," Crossley
replied firmly. "It was he."
"Tell us again just how you came
to be there at the time, and saw
Gilson coming away."

"As I said before," he began, "I
had been in my office all evening.
It was nearly midnight when I left.
I walked down Main street, intend-
ing to go to the restaurant."

"At the corner of Main and Pine
streets, where the store is, I turned
into Pine. The restaurant where I
usually lunch is at the other end.
When about in the middle of the
block I noticed a man slinking close

to the building, occasionally looking
backwards over his shoulder. When
he caught sight of me he jerked his
arm up and pulled his hat down
over the side of his face, the side
closest to me—the right side. I had
already recognized him, though. It
was Gilson."

"What did you do after that?" the
sergeant asked.
Crossley continued, "From the
man's actions I suspected that
something was wrong and started to
hunt for the constable."

"You positively identify Gilson as
the person you saw?"
"I do. I saw his face clearly be-
fore he pulled his hat down."

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All the while Crossley was speaking,
Gilson was listening intently. "You
say," he asked finally, "that I pulled my
hat down over my face and ran back?
How could I see where to run with my
face covered?"

"I didn't say you covered your
whole face," Crossley snapped. "I
said the right side. Your left eye
was open and I guess you could see
with that."

"What are you laughing at, Gil-
son?" the sergeant broke in. "Un-
less you can prove where you were
last night, it may go hard with
you."

Gilson made no reply but took off
his spectacles and wiped them care-
fully. Suddenly he pulled his left
eye out of its socket and handed it
to the sergeant.
The eye was glass.

Third Essay Contest Winner
Editor's Note: — Following is
the third essay in the Michigan
Canoe Championship essay con-
test sponsored by Harold
"Spike" MacNeven of Grayling.
It was written by Al Pochelon Jr.
of Detroit and earned him a \$10
prize.

Dear Spike,
Saw the write up about your
contest and thought that you might
be interested in how the Canoe
race impressed and affected one of
its oldest contestants, and what
would be termed "his greatest
thrill of the race."

Spike you know that Dad has
given me five Pochelon kids a
wonderful life in the country sur-
rounding Grayling and the banks
of the Au Sable River. He started
to take us up there when we were
very young and we have never
missed a summer. Then all these
years I have never had the oppor-
tunity to make the trip to Oscoda
by canoe. The Race afforded me
the best excuse. Winning the race
was not a factor to my partner,
Peason Spaulding, and I, after all
we had never been in a canoe to-
gether and my age was also some-
thing to reckon with. — This gave
my family and I my biggest thrill
— the fact that the life we have
had in the woods has kept me in
such physical shape that I was
able to paddle our "Pumpkin
Seed" as our canoe was called by
Carr and Case the winners, who
should be given all the credit in

the world and the same goes for
everyone who even went along for
the ride, so to say — all the way
to and beyond Alcona Dam.

Spike I could not in the course
of a letter even begin to tell what
a great thing was to gather at the
start with such a fine group of
fellows — all sportsmen if I ever
saw them. The good fellowship
displayed all thru the running of
the race and afterward at Oscoda
was surely a credit to the men who
handled the whole affair.

An instance, which few people
probably know about, and which
gave me a feeling of the spirit of
this whole thing was one that I
witnessed at Foote Dam. I had quit
the race and decided to follow the
leaders by car to the finish line.
At Foote Dam, two friends of Carr
and Case had hot coffee and cho-
colate bars for the boys — As the
portage was on the opposite side
of the Dam from the parking lot
the boys ask permission to cross
the Dam thru the power house —
this was refused, so these two fel-
lows, went below the Dam and
holding the coffee etc. in the air
they swam across that fast water
and took the chance standing
around in their wet clothes so
that their friends would be sure
to get their lunch — this is an ex-
ample of the spirit shown by all
and I hope that we will see many
more such events in years to come.

My best wishes to you and all
my friends at Grayling.
Al Pochelon Jr.

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6 Where Edward III defeated the French (1346)
11 To apply habitually
13 Hinged plate in a suit of armor
14 Musical syllable
15 General statement that has been proved
17 Mulberry
18 Male cat
20 Man's name
21 Drinking vessel
22 Mythological Norse giant
24 Son-in-law of Mohammed
25 To buffet
26 Son of Kish
28 To separate and divide
30 Aerial maneuver
32 Only
33 Girl's name
35 Thrall
37 Soft cheese
38 To immerse
40 Stair
42 Fabulous bird
43 Assistants
45 Hindu weight
46 Symbol for gold
47 Forage plant
49 Prefix: two
50 Lumpy
52 Tax levied by the king
54 Icelandic mythological works
55 Exposes to the action of radiations of very short wave length

Vertical
1 Immense
2 Characteristic forms of expression
3 Theoretical force
4 Settled
5 Pang
6 Intimations
7 Border
8 Powerful deity
9 Distinct article in a formal document
10 Barka
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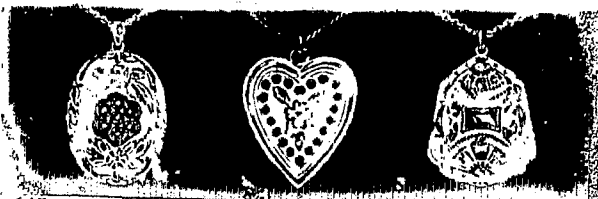
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Mrs. Isabel Arges and children of Flint were recent guests of the Fred Ingalls family. Mr. Ingalls accompanied them to Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Lantz left for Long Beach, Calif., Sunday to spend the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Newman Bancroft (Doris Leverton) announce the birth of a son, at Mercy Hospital, December 10. He weighed eight pounds and three quarter ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovely spent a few days in Bay City last week, where they attended the funeral of the latter's uncle, August Turnell.

Army Surplus Arctic, sizes 9, 10 and 11. \$1.50 to \$3.50 at Bill's.

Mrs. Julia Dorah and son, Frederick, left the last of the week for Clarkson to make their home with her daughter, Mrs. Guy Wheaton.

The Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielsen entertained with a potluck dinner and pinocle party last Thursday evening to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Marion Burch.

Mrs. Wm. Nawatny and Mrs. Margie Dorah held high score at pinocle.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madsen and daughter, Carmen spent the week end in Gaylord as the guests of his parents, the Carl Madsens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hedrick spent Monday and Tuesday in Flint. Mrs. J. E. Strong accompanied them down to spend several ways as the guest of Mrs. C. J. Elson.

NOTICE—Get your phone bill paid this week. We are closed Wednesday through Saturday, Christmas week. Bill's Shoe Repair.

Burton Peterson is home from Michigan State College to spend the holidays.

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The article "Meet Mary Kenyon" in the current Farm Journal is of special interest to Rose Wilcox. Mrs. Kenyon's companion, Pauline Archer, is an old schoolmate and Rose visited her a few years ago and met Mrs. Kenyon in person. Pauline's mother was also a cousin of Clarence Stillwagon of Lovells.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore (Ruth Burrows) of Houghton are expected on Saturday to spend over night with the Arnold Burrows family. They will be en route to Detroit to spend Xmas with Mr. Moore's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Balow and William Balow of Detroit were week end guests of the Wm. LaRush family. Mr. LaRush accompanied them to Detroit to spend several days.

Miss Billyann Clippert is home from Michigan State College to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Alan Stevenson is expected home from the University of Michigan after December 19.

Mrs. Leslie Hunter and Mrs. Matilda Hunter spent last Thursday in Bay City and Saginaw.

Mrs. C. E. Davis and children are visiting relatives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Miss Barbara Borchers was home from C. M. C. E. Mt. Pleasant, to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers, and brother, Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin, Sr. have sold their home on Park Street to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wimble. Mr. Conklin is employed at the Gladwin Record, Gladwin, Michigan.

Believe it or not, we have over 35 pairs of shoes not called for. If yours are among them, and you don't want them sold, better pick them up today at Bill's Shoe Repair.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vilho Virtanen have moved into the Hasmussen house at 301 Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bears and children have left for Grand Rapids to spend the winter.

Mrs. Ray Clement spent several days in Bay City visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Papke, and sister, Mrs. A. W. Beutel.

Dance every Saturday night from 9 'til 1 at the Frederic Town Hall. Music by Rhythm Kings. Sponsored by the Sportsmen's Auxiliary. Refreshments served.

Northern Lights**Christmas**

On Monday the elementary rooms were brightened by the Christmas trees that were brought in and decorated. Santa Claus is expected Friday forenoon and visits to each room are planned.

After the programs the pupils will be excused until January 5, 1948, when school will continue as usual.

Stage Curtains

The stage curtains, presented to the school by a former class, have been dry cleaned, dyed and repaired. Folks who attended the Senior Play Wednesday evening were pleasantly surprised by the changed appearance of the stage.

ENTERTAINS AT SHOWER

Mrs. William LaRush entertained twenty ladies at a stork shower to honor Mrs. Alfred Borchers, on Friday.

Lunch was served and the table which had a lamb cake at either end was centered with a stork.

Friday was also Mrs. LaRush's birthday and the group surprised her with a lovely pink and blue cake.

SATURDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Roy Trudgeon was hostess to the Saturday Bridge Club at their last meeting. Yule logs bearing red tapers centered the table at which dessert was served.

Mrs. Roy Singinger, Mrs. Ella Wilcox and Mrs. George Hanner were guests for the afternoon and high score was held by Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon.

Mrs. Roy Milnes will entertain the club on January 3.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Children of the Free Methodist Church will practice for their Xmas program at the church, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The Xmas program will be Monday evening, December 22, at 8 P. M., at the church. All are welcome to attend.

BROWNIE TROOP NO. 5

Judy Weaver, Mary Ann Cincala, Betty Morning, Diane Baker, Dolores Kolka, Dorothy Kolka and Peggy Jean Benware received their pins and membership cards at the last meeting and Mrs.

Howard Bunker received her Scout pin and Brownie Leader guard.

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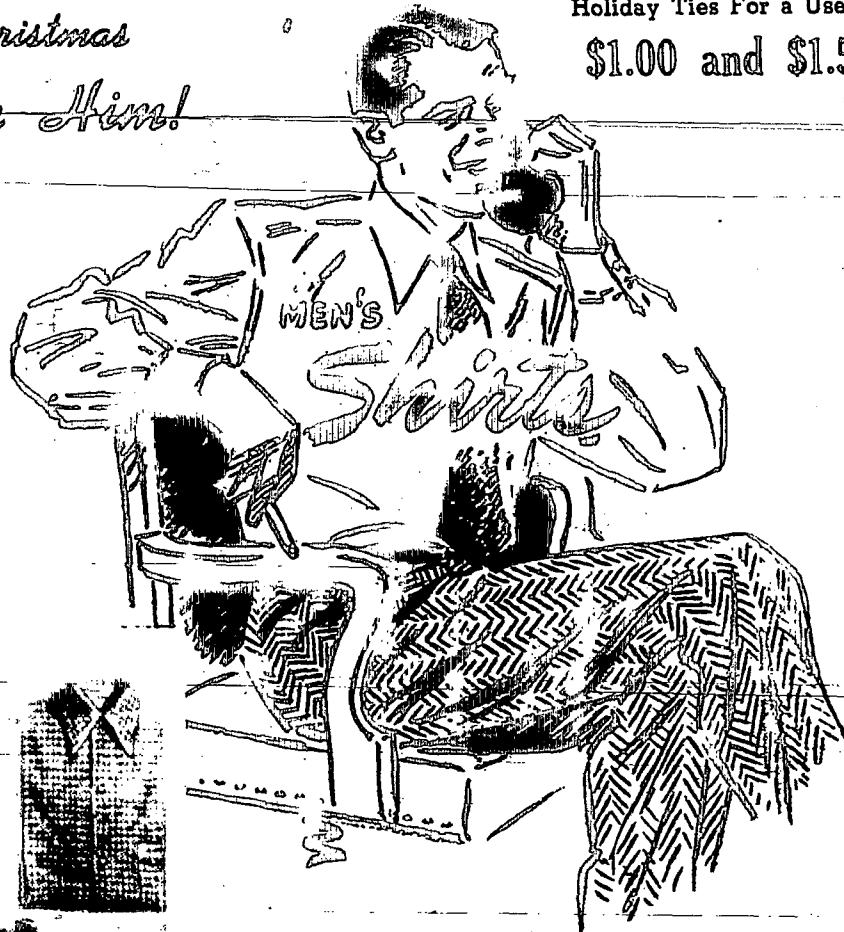
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Bits O' Talk

Mrs. John Ludeman entertained nineteen youngsters on Saturday at Camp Shoppington, down river, in celebration of the birthdays of Peggy LaGrow, Donnie Leslie, and her son, Frank. The children went sliding and skiing and played games. They also enjoyed the birthday cake and ice cream, candy and popcorn balls and each child had a gingerbread man.

Miss Nelle Cary Welsh and Miss Jane Elizabeth Milnes received word recently that they had passed their state board examinations in nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stirling (Betty Welsh) of Saginaw, announce the arrival of a daughter,

Deborah Jane, born Friday, December the 12th.

Wesley Dunham is a new employee at Mac's Drug Store.

Miss Margrethe Nielsen spent the latter part of the week in Dearborn and Ann Arbor. In the former city, she was guest of Miss J. Louise Hainline and in Ann Arbor, she visited, Miss Caroline Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson and children, Peter and Laurianne, of Mancelona are spending several weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, Sr. Nels has had charge of the store during his father's absence.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook spent the week end in Alpena.

M. M. Church
Youth Fellowship

Mrs. Edward Pentz assisted by Mrs. George Hilton and Mrs. Ernest Larson, entertained the M. M. Church Youth Fellowship group at the Pentz home, with a Xmas party, last Wednesday evening.

The young people ate refreshments by candle light at a table decorated with pine and floating star candles. There was a little package at each place at the table and each of the 15 members present exchanged gifts which had been placed under a small Xmas tree.

After the refreshments the group sat around the fireplace and sang carols and each one had to recite a piece that he or she had spoken at an Xmas exercise when they were little. This caused much merriment as did the other games played.

The fellowship met for their regular meeting Sunday evening.

Each group had their sponsors present and each gave a short talk. Mrs. Hilton gave a talk on "What We Get Out of Recreation." Mrs. Larson about "Saul" and Don Gothro on "Service in Our Community."

On January 2, 1948, Mrs. Geo. Hilton and Mrs. Larson have planned a sleigh ride party to the Winter Sports Park.

There will be no meeting next week because of the Christmas program. We wish to thank Don Gothro for playing the piano.

Clara Lazarowicz, secretary.

SOUTH SIDE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Bennett of Traverse City spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives in Grayling.

Rev. Bertha Davis, Mrs. Mina Colbert and Mrs. Fred Niederer spent one day last week in Gaylord. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Robason of Romulus, Michigan spent Friday visiting Mrs. Robason's sister, Mrs. Taylor Loper. Mr. and Mrs. Robason are newlyweds. Mrs. Robason is the former Shirley Sands.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dyer of Houghton Lake spent Saturday with Mrs. Nina Dunham.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Frederic visited their son, Reese and family, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Madsen and daughter, Iris, and son, Clare, Jr., spent Saturday in Traverse City.

Joseph Ledbeater of Vanderbilt is a patient at Mercy Hospital. He is improved at this writing. Mr. Ledbeater has been at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Byron Randolph for the past month.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller left Saturday for Bay City to spend a few weeks with her grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Dunham.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and daughters, Joan and Phyllis, and Clara Lazarowicz spent Saturday in Traverse City.

Barbara Clough and Clara Lazarowicz were hostesses to a surprise

birthday party on Marilyn Gildner at her home, Monday evening, December 8. Ten of Marilyn's school friends were present. Games were played, then later in the evening a lunch was served. Marilyn received many lovely gifts. Marilyn was 15.

Mrs. Wilbur Winslow and Mrs. Stanley Lazarowicz were hostesses at a stork shower Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Francis Wilcox. Games were played and a lunch was served. Mrs. Wilcox was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

Michelson Memorial
Church News

Church services for December 21 at 11 A. M.

Christmas music by choir, under direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

"The Shepherd's Vision" by Wil-

son. "The Christmas Song," Mrs. Roy Milnes, soprano obligato and Mrs. Emil Niederer, violin obligato.

Trio, "Star of Bethlehem," Howard Schmidt, Don Gothro, Dr. Leonard Allison.

"There's a Song in the Air" by Harrington, vocal by Miss Gloria Nolan of Roscommon.

Rev. Puffer's theme will be "There's a Song in the Air."

Prelude and Offertory numbers will be a medley of Christmas carols by Mrs. Clippert and Mrs. Niederer.

The people of the community are cordially invited to attend.

The evening program will be at 7:30 and the young people who are to take part are asked to be at the church not later than 7 o'clock.

Sunday school will be at 10 o'clock as usual.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 8

The Girl Scouts of Troop No. 8 held their meeting last Wednesday evening at the Danebod Hall.

The girls talked about going Christmas caroling and about the

rag drive.

Jeanette Cook, Sue LaGrow, Sally Brown and Donna MacCaul-

ley received their tenderfoot pins. More will receive theirs this week.

Shirley Kolka, scribe.

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TOP QUALITY GEORGIA

PECANS lb. 39c

LARGE BUDDED

WALNUTS lb. 39c

CUT-UP — CHERRIES

RAISINS 1-lb. pkg. 18c

MICHIGAN — BLEACHED

GELERY HEARTS bunch 13c

GOLDEN HOLLOW

DATES full lb. 29c

BEST QUALITY

MIXED NUTS lb. 45c

FANCY — CUTTED — FRUIT

BOXES 1-lb. pkg. 30c

GIANT GOLDEN PEADEAL

GELERY jumbo stalk 25c

SULTANA

FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 1 can 25¢

OCEAN SPRAY

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